

Padawan Parade –

Celebrating the Use of Lifelines

Edgewood Primary School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE Edgewood Primary School is a K-2nd grade school and is part of the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation, a rural school district in northwestern Monroe County. Our corporation serves nearly 3000 students. We are located in Ellettsville, Indiana.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES We have 608 students with 41% of them qualifying for free and reduced lunches.

OUR TEACHERS We have 25 classroom teachers, 4 special area teachers, 3 inclusion teachers, 1 speech pathologist, 1 Title 1 Reading teacher and 1 ENL teacher. As a C.L.A.S.S (Connecting Learning Assures Successful Students) school, our teachers are trained and have continuous professional development in C.L.A.S.S. brain-based strategies.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Our school-wide Life Goals are to:

1. Do the right thing.
2. Treat people right.

Each month we teach and practice a lifeline that supports our Life Goals such as: patience, respect, integrity, responsibility, cooperation, honesty, effort, flexibility and trustworthiness. Our goal is for students to practice these lifelines away from school and in other social contexts. The teaching of lifelines is embedded into our academic instruction, our behavioral instruction and monthly book reads with principals. We know that when we connect learning with emotion, the memories are more likely to become permanent. Our Promising Practice Celebrates students each week who have done an outstanding job of practicing the Life Goals and lifelines. On Friday, one student from each classroom is selected for the Padawan Parade. Wearing the Jedi Knight t-shirt and holding a lightsaber, they are equipped and ready to proudly represent their classroom as they run through the hallways being cheered on by their peers. Students work hard throughout the week academically and behaviorally in hopes of being the next Padawan.

OUR STEPS At the end of the day on Friday, one student from each classroom is selected for the Padawan Parade. They are equipped with the Jedi Knight t-shirt and lightsaber and sent to the office for a group picture. When the music begins, our assistant principal, dressed as Luke Skywalker, leads the Padawans in a run around the school as Yoda follows behind. Their peers line the hallways to cheer them on and celebrate their success.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

- "It brings tears to my eyes each week when I see my kiddos running through the hallway!" –Teacher
- "I'm so excited-I feel all jittery inside. A good kind of jittery!" -2nd grade student
- "This is the happiest day of my life!" –Student after running in the parade
- "My child was thrilled to be the Jedi of the week. It was the 1st thing he said to me when he got home Friday! Thank you for taking the time to recognize him." –Parent
- "Our parade brings together students, teachers and parents and ends the week on a positive note." –Teacher
- "This practice is a wonderful motivator for the students and it raises the morale of our school." –Teacher
- "Every student wants to be the Padawan of the week!" -Teacher

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